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1. WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT MOST OF THE REVISED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE REFTEL WITH SOME ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS. IN PARTICULAR, PARA 8 IS UNDULY AND SPECIFICALLY ALARMING FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AND WE PREFER IT BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY. AT A MINIMUM, YOU SHOULD SECURE DELETION OF SECOND SENTENCE PARA 8 WHICH SUGGESTS PRESIDENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH KOREAN VERSION OF THE THREATS FROM THE NORTH.

2. WHILE ACCEPTING LANGUAGE IN PARA 9 ON TROOP LEVELS WE PRESUME ROKG UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS DOES NOT RUN COUNTER TO OUR PLAN TO REMOVE MISSILE UNITS.

3. AS TO INVITATION TO PARK, WE STILL PREFER TO LEAVE OUT OF COMMUNIQUE. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO SUCH REFERENCE IS MADE IN US-JAPAN COMMUNIQUE.

4. WE PREFER TO HAVE PARAGRAPHS 12 AND 13 MERGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXAMINED
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THE IMPACT OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOP-

MENTS. THEY AGREED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD
CONTINUE TO FOSTER CLOSE ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR
THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND THAT THEY SHOULD GUIDE
THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES TOWARD EACH OTHER IN THE
SPIRIT OF CLOSER INTER-DEPENDENCE AMONG ALL NATIONS.
THEY AGREED TO COORDINATE THEIR POLICIES ON NEW
PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.
BOTH PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED MUTUAL SATISFACTION OVER
THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF SUBSTANTIAL BILATERAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL TO
BOTH COUNTRIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT INTERNATIONAL
EFFORTS SHOULD FOCUS ON THE REDUCTION OF TRADE
DISTORTIONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR EN-
SURING STABLE FOOD SUPPLIES, AND REALIZATION OF
STABLE SUPPLIES OF ENERGY AT REASONABLE PRICES.
UNQUOTE.

5. WE THINK THIS LANGUAGE IS ON A HIGHER PLANE OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND BETTER EXPRESSES
THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR GENERAL ECONOMIC RELATION-
SHIPS.

6. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH KOREANS, YOU SHOULD SUBMIT TEXT
TO US FOR FINAL CONFIRMATION.
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